(c) The State Government of Maharashtra has reported eleven cases of poaching in Melghat Tiger Sanctuary and none in Tadoba National Park during the last three years. Nine offenders have been prosecuted in the Court of Law.

Setting up of Chemical Zone in Umred Tehsil, Nagpur

17. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Environmental Clearance has been taken by the Government of Maharashtra for creating a Chemical Zone in Umred Tehsil of Nagpur District or thereabout;

(b) if so, what are the conditions of the said clearance or permission; and

(c) if not, what action is being taken on the Government's decision to set up the Chemical Zone in the catchment area of irrigation projects and proxmity to forests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No such environmental clearance has been given by the Central Government.

(c) Before according environmental clearance to development projects, due consideration is given to protect the catchment and forest areas.

Use of Forest Land by Industries

18. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to allow industry to use forest land for commercial plantation; if so, details thereof;

(b) whether the interest of tribal people living in such forests have been taken care of, if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) In view of the increasing threat of encroachment upon the large quantum of degraded forest land in the country and the need to afforest it urgently so as to expand green cover, inhibit encroachment and halt soil denudation and also to meet fuel and fodder needs and thereby to reduce pressure on existing natural forests and protected areas, the Government is considering to involve industry in afforestation of severely degraded areas in partnership with State Forests Development corporations so as to augment the efforts and the financial resources available for afforesation schemes of the Central and Statae Governments, NGOs and People's Cooperatives.

(b) The scheme under consideration will be finalised only after careful assessment of various issue involved and ensuring protection of traditional rights and concessions being enjoyed by the rural and tribal communities. As envisioned, the scheme is intended to benefit rural and tribal communities by increasing the availability of biomas, fuelwood and fodder, and also opening up avenues for rural employment generation.

(c) Does not arise.

Encroachment of Forest Land

19. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5 per cent of 35 million hectares of degraded forest land in the country has been encroached upon;

(b) if so, the names of the States where the encroachment has taken place; and

(c) the steps Government have taken/ propose to take to recover the land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

वृक्षारोपण

20. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बांधों के निर्माण के कारण वनों के जल प्लावित होने के परिणामस्वरूप सामाजिक वानिकी और वृक्षारोपण कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कितने पौधों का रोपण किया गया ;

(ख) आज की स्थिति के अनुसार उनमें से कितने पौधे अभी भी लगे हुए हैं ;

(ग) अन्य पौधों के असमय नष्ट हो जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) इस संबंध में लापरवाही बरतने वाले कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) से (घ) राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र सरकारों से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

World Bank Loan for World Bank Population Central Project Phase—1

21. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will he Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the sanctioned amount for World Bank Pollution Control Project, Phase-I;

(b) what was the state-wise allocation of the funds under Phase.I;

(c) what were the projects undertaken or identified under Phase-I state wise; and

(d) whether it is a fact that some of the identified projects were underfinanced hence remained uncompleted, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The World Bank aided Industrial Pollution Control Project Phase-I involves a line of credit of US $ 155.6 million and counterpart funds of about US $ 108 million to be provided by Government of India, State Governments, financial institutions and project proponents.

(b) and (c) Out of the total of US $ 263.6 million, US 12.6 million is earmarked for 4 States namely, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh for the purpose of strengthening the State Polluton Control Boards of these states. The remaining amount (US 251.0 million) is provided for financing projects in all parts of the country, under which installation of pollution control equipments in large and medium scale units, setting up of common effluent treatment plants for small scale units and demonstration projects of clean technologies are taken up.

(d) No, Sir. Does not arise.

गंगा कार्य योजना

22. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह:** क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार में गंगा कार्य योजना में शामिल किये गए कार्यों का ब्यौरा क्या है